news item captioned, "Park Cheetah left to fend for themselves" which appeared in the Indian Express dated 11th March, 1994.

The maintenance of the deer park has been continued by the Forest Department of Uttar Pradesh. The deer in the park are not left to fend for themselves. They are being looked after by regular staff of Forest Department. There has not been any report of death of any cheetal in the park due to starvation.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

BOTTLING PLANTS FOR LPG IN SAURASHTRA AND KACHH REGION

*439. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of bottling plants for LPG which have been commis sioned so far in Saurashtra and Kachh Region by Indian Oil Corporation ;

(b) the district-wise details of the number of customers to be catered to in this area; and

(c) the refilling capacity of bottling plants per day ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA : (a) There is one LPG bottling plant of M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Limited at Rajkot, which was commissioned in October, 1985. The cost of the plant was Rs. 6 crores and has an annual capacity of 44,000 MT.

(b) The number of customers attached to the Rajkot bootling plant is as follows :

District	No. of customers (as on 31-3-1994)
Rajkot	102327
Bhavanagar	59208
Jamnagar	53151
Junagadh	55884
Amreli	9647
Surendranagar	25544
Kutch	29328
TOTAL	33509

(c) At present the bottling capacity of the plant is 14000 cylinders per day.

Widening of Delhi—Amritsar National Highway

*440 SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the widening of Delhi-Amritsar national highway is being undertaken by Government on contract basis;

(b) if so, what portion of the above-mentioned national highway is to be completed by Government and what portion on contract ;

(c) what is the per K.M. cost of widening the road by Government and by contract separately ; and

(d) by when, Government will be able to complete the work and the time to be taken by contractors for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. Widening to 4-lane of Delhi-Jalan-dhar Section has been undertaken on contract basis, in stages.

(b) Entire 4-laning work is envisaged for completion on contract basis.

(c) it is difficult to indicate the per kilometre cost of widening as it depends upon various factors e.g. terrain, nature of soil, specifications, lead of materials, traffic expected etc.

(d) The work is targeted to be completed by end of 1998.

ECO-System of North-Eastern States

4561. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the extent of damage and threat of extinction facing the eco-system of North-Eastern States ;

(b) whether Government have received any threat to this effect; and

(c) what steps have been proposed to be taken to replenish the greenery of North-Eastern States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) As per State of Forest Report 1993 of Forest Survey of India, forest cover of North Eastern States has declined by 635 Sq. Km. over the assessment made in 1991 report.

(c) Government have taken the following steps to increase the forest cover of North-Eastern States :—

(i) Financial assistance is being provided to State Governments as well as Non-Governmental Organisations to carry out afforestation and protection works in the North-Eastern States.

(ii) North-Eastern council is providing financial assistance to State Governments for various developmental activities including forestry.

(iii) State Governments have been asked to protect forests and take steps for control of shifting cultivation.

(iv) Problems of North-Eastern States are discussed at different levels in the Government and appropriate remedial action taken from time to time.

Census of Tigers and Elephants in Arunachal Pradesh

4562. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the census of Tigers and Elephants has not been taken in Arunachal Pradesh for more than a decade; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. 4—

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Dumping of Toxic wastes in the country

4563. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some developed countries are dumping toxic wastes in the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected in the country during the last two years and the names of those countries ; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or proposed to take to check the dumping of such wastes in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) As per the information available no such cases of dumping of toxic wastes have been detected.

(c) Government of India have notified the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. According to these rules import of hazardous wastes from any country to India is not permitted for dumping and disposal. However, import of such wastes may be allowed for processing or reuse as raw materials, after examining each case on merit.

Wood-based industries in Arunachal Pradesh

4564. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of wood-based industries in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) how much quantity of wood is allocated to each such unit as quota by the State Government;

(c) how much quantity of wood has been supplied against 3ueh quota during the last three years;

(d) whether it is a fact that other State Governments in the North-Eastern Region have done away with the practice of allocating quota to wood-based industries ;

(e) whether the State of Arunachal Pradesh still continues with the quota system industry where as the arjoing States